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## COLORED MEN RULE

### LAWYER WETMORE: FOR THE NEGRO.

The Two Colored Members of the City Council at Jacksonville, Fla. Dominate That Body—They appointed only Colored Inspector from one District and Beat the Citizen's League.

A feature of the city council meeting last night was the absolute domination of that body by the two colored members of the Sixth ward.

The important matter coming before the meeting was the petition of the People's League. No sooner had it been presented than Councilman Wetmore arose and attacked the gentlemen who had signed it as a gang who desired to bulldoze the city council in the interest of a grandstand play.

Councilman Ross went farther. He roasted the People's League, referred to it as a political machine. He stated that the petition in itself was absurd, unreasonable and contemptible. He claimed that the People's League had made a willful misrepresentation to the council when it had stated that the league represented every class of people in Jacksonville.

Such were the character of the remarks which were permitted in the city council to go unchallenged, and added to this, when the appointment of inspectors from the Sixth ward came up for consideration the council permitted the two colored councilmen to slap the white people of Jacksonville in the face, by refusing to name as an inspector for that ward one of the gentlemen suggested by the league, and placing in charge of that election in that ward three negroes. Not a voice in the council was raised against this action on the part of the representatives from the Sixth ward.

It was just this way with all the other questions connected with the approaching election. Wetmore or Ross controlled the entire situation, and carried everything their own way, succeeding in preventing the council from going on record favoring the petition of the league.

#### INSPECTORS ARE APPOINTED.

When the question of preparing for the election came up, Alderman Romero moved that the petition of the People's League to be adopted. Mr. Mason seconded the motion, but Councilman Wetmore did not want it that way. He wanted the inspectors, and he got just what he wanted.

The roll of wards was called and the two aldermen suggested the inspectors. In nearly every instance the petition of the People's League was considered, and one of the three men they had suggested from which to select their representative on the board, was endorsed.

#### PETITION IS SIDETRACKED.

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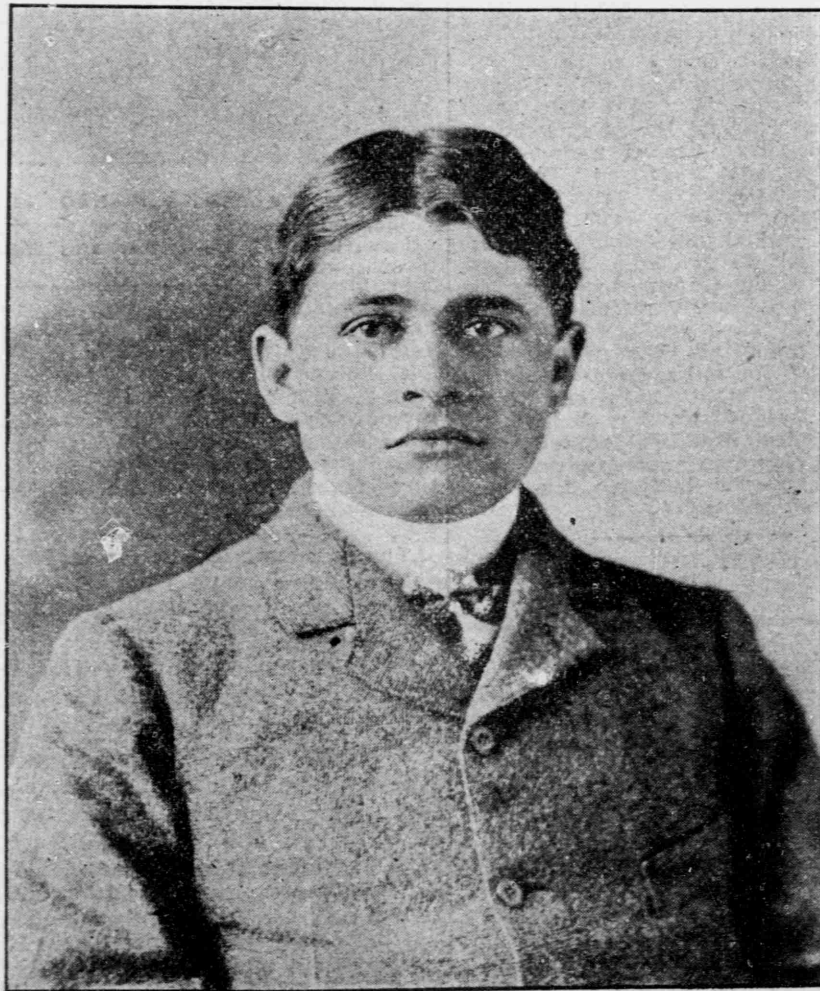
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## A BUSINESS VENTURE

### MESSRS. HORNER AND HARLAN'S ENTERPRISE

Real Estate, Law and Court and Title Work the Mission of the Enterprising Firm—Their Equipment and Location—The Personnel of the Members—A Long Felt Want in this Community.

There is no city in the United States where finer opportunities exist for success in so many of the higher walks of life than in Washington or where the race responds more loyally to the overtures of its business and professional members. Our people surely deserve commendation for that among their admirable traits. Washington colored people have for many years stood in almost the front rank as property owners and as keen buyers and sellers of real estate especially. Ambitious and capable colored men have from time to time taken up real estate as their avocations, and while the unworthy and those of cupidity exceeded their honesty have fallen by the wayside, those of probity and of sound business instincts have prospered and made honorable names for themselves.

It is in this attractive field that a new firm, Messrs. Horner & Harlan have just ventured. They have fitted up commodious and centrally located offices in the Webster law building, No. 505 D street, N. W., where they are now established, and are prepared to offer their services to the public not only in all real estate transactions but also in all the various branches of general practice. The senior member of this firm is Mr. Richard R. Horner, who is already in active practice before the District courts. Mr. Horner was born in Virginia and is a product of her public schools. For eleven years he served most acceptably as assistant principal and as principal of the colored graded schools of Warrenton, Va., and while so serving completed also the study of law. He passed a most brilliant examination for admission to the bar, receiving 100 per cent upon his papers, and he has the distinction of being the first and indeed the only colored man ever admitted to practice in the courts of Fauquier county, Va. For ten years succeeding 1890 he practiced law in Virginia and then confident that the District of Columbia afforded a larger field for his accomplishments came to live in this city in 1900. In the three years last past he has met with almost phenomenal success in his practice. During his professional career in Virginia his clients left him little time to indulge his natural aptitude for politics but he was compelled to serve at different times as congressional committeeman for his district (the only colored man so honored therein) and as delegate to the national republican convention which

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